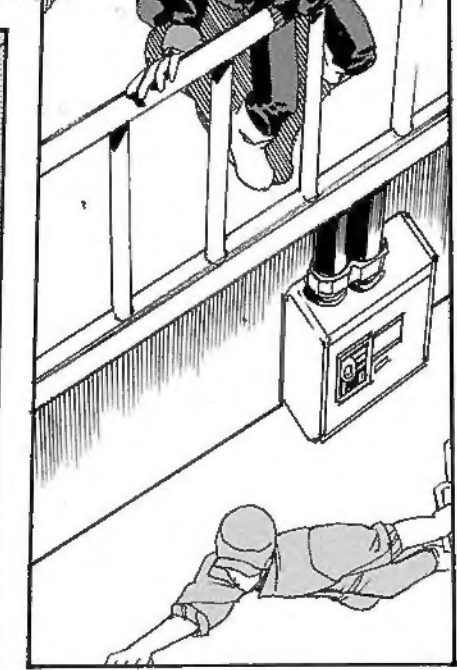
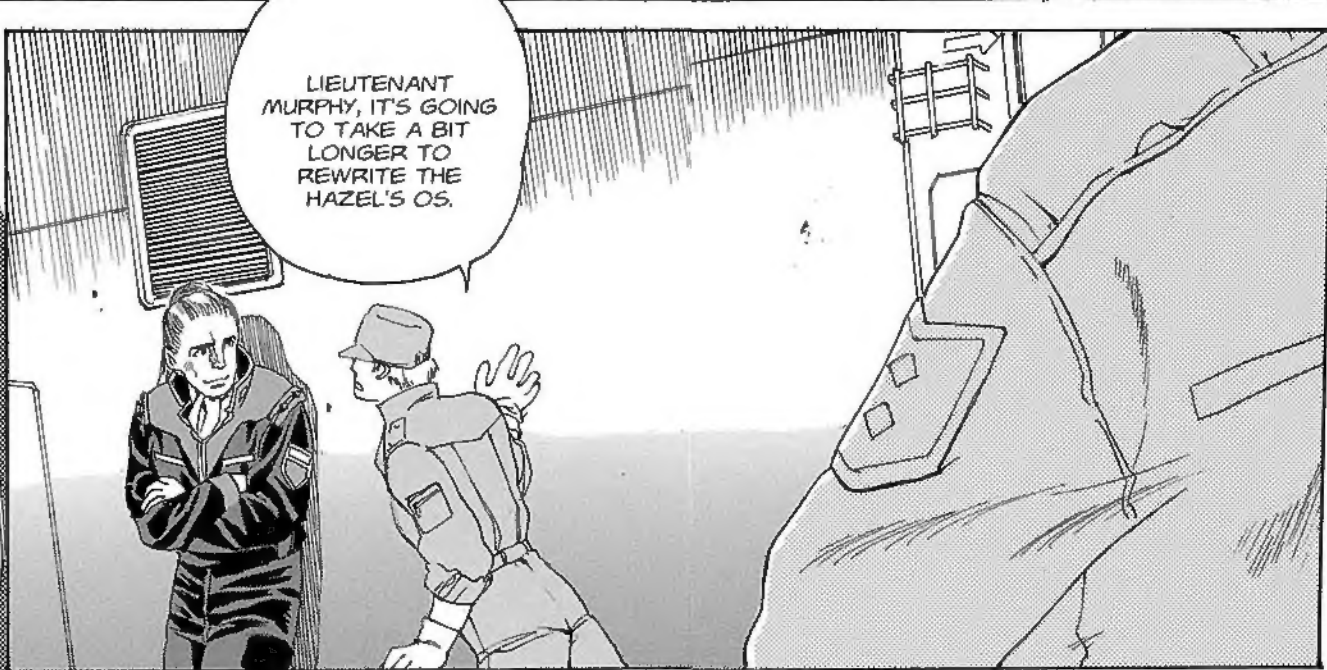
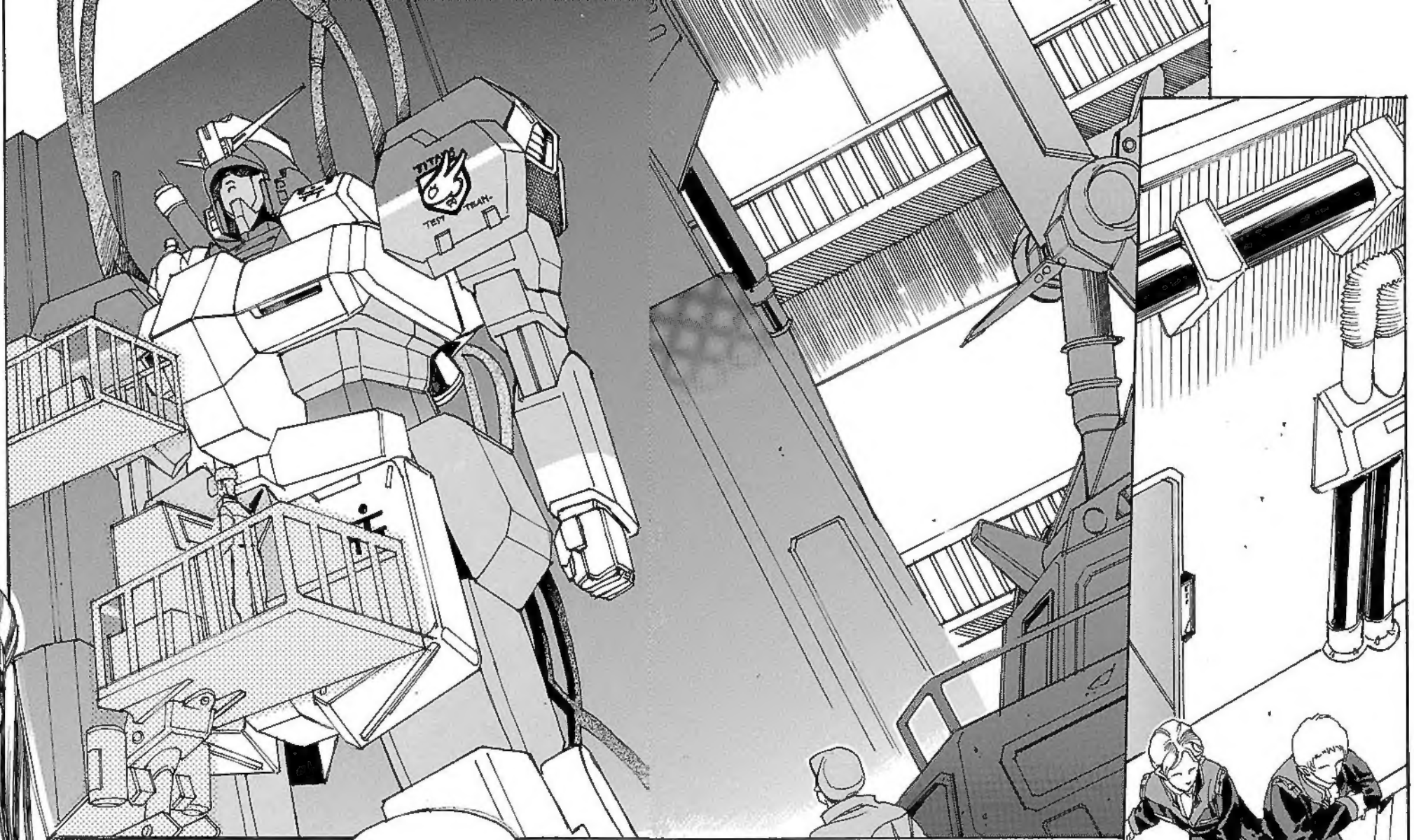
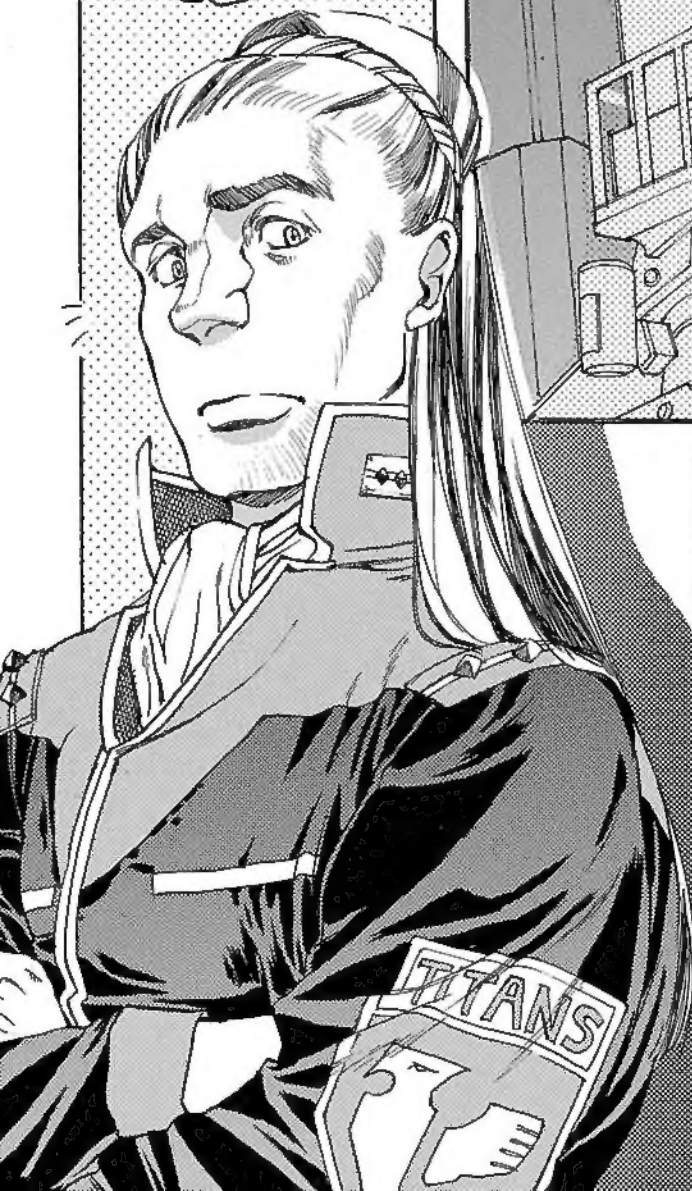




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AW MAN,
DON'T TELL ME
THEY'RE
ALREADY
FINISHED?!



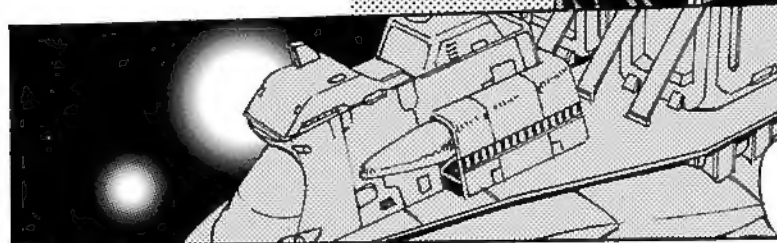


COMMANDER!
THE HAZEL HAS
COMPLETELY
TRANSFORMED.

BET YOU
WASTED
ALL THAT
TIME ON
YOUR
REPORT.

IT'S
COMPLETELY
WHITE NOW.

I WAS
LOOKING
FORWARD TO
WATCHING
THE
EQUIPMENT
SWAP.



THE ADDITIONAL ARMOR
WAS LOADED ON THAT
SUPPLY SHIP WE RESCUED
RECENTLY, RIGHT?



MUST BE
NICE HAVING
SUCH
SELECTIVE
MEMORY.

WATER
UNDER THE
BRIDGE
NOW.

RICH COMING
FROM
SOMEONE
WHO NEARLY
TOOK DOWN
THE ENEMY
UNIT AND THE
SUPPLY SHIP IN
ONE GO.

RISKING OUR
NECKS FOR
THAT RESCUE
MISSION WAS
WORTH IT
AFTER ALL!



LOOKS LIKE THE
HAZEL'S DRAWN
QUITE THE
CROWD.

IS THAT
ACTUALLY
GETTING
TO HIM?

EVEN YOU'RE
JOINING IN,
COMMANDER...

GIVE ME
A BREAK
WITH THE
TEASING...





HENDRICK!



HEY THERE BIG GUY!
DIDN'T YOU HAVE SOME URGENT BUSINESS WITH THE SNIPER UNIT?



HAVING TECHNICAL ISSUES?

OH SHOOT, THAT'S RIGHT!



THAT'S WHAT HAPPENS WITH THESE NON-STOP OPERATIONS.

I'LL HEAD OVER THERE RIGHT AWAY.



THERE'S A MALFUNCTION IN THE SNIPER UNIT'S RIGHT SHOULDER ASSEMBLY.
MAKES MY SKIN CRAWL THINKING WHAT COULD'VE HAPPENED IF WE'D ENCOUNTERED HOSTILES.



PETE'S BEEN STEAMING MAD, YOU KNOW.

COUNT ME IN TOO!

BETTER GET OVER THERE QUICK.



RELAX!

THAT BIG WHITE BEAUTY ISN'T GOING ANYWHERE.

WAIT... I WAS PLANNING TO EXAMINE THE HAZEL...



SO THAT MEANS YOU'RE FREE FOR THE TAKING, ELIARD.

AUDREY!!

I NEED YOUR HELP ORGANIZING THESE DATA DISKS!



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I WAS JUST KIDDING...



DON'T WORRY ABOUT AUDREY, I'VE GOT THIS COVERED!

JUST CAN'T CATCH A BREAK!

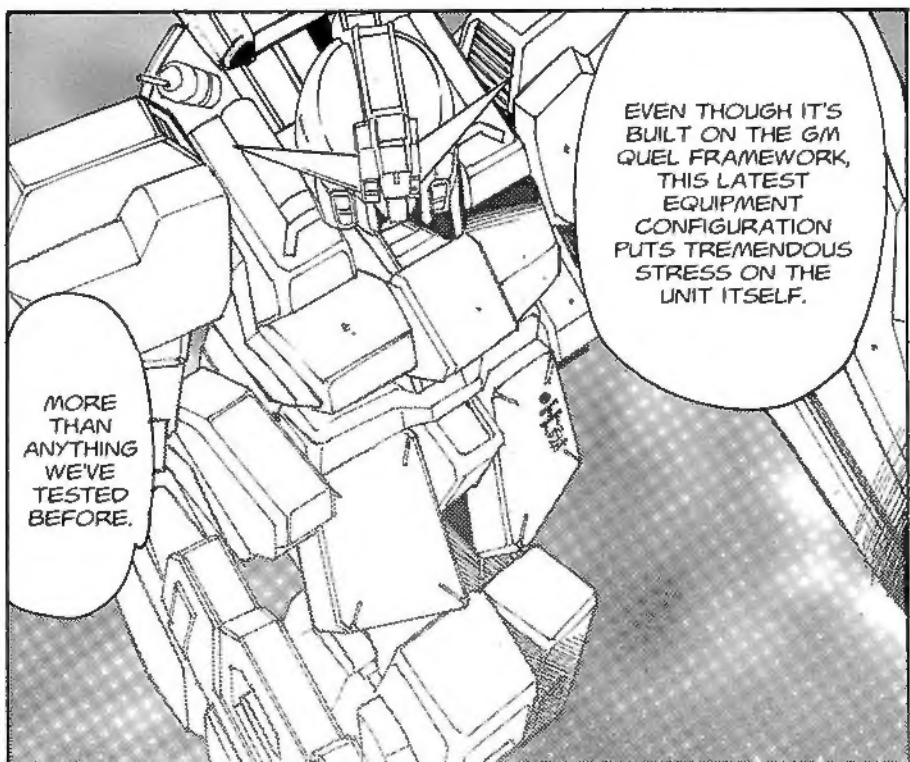
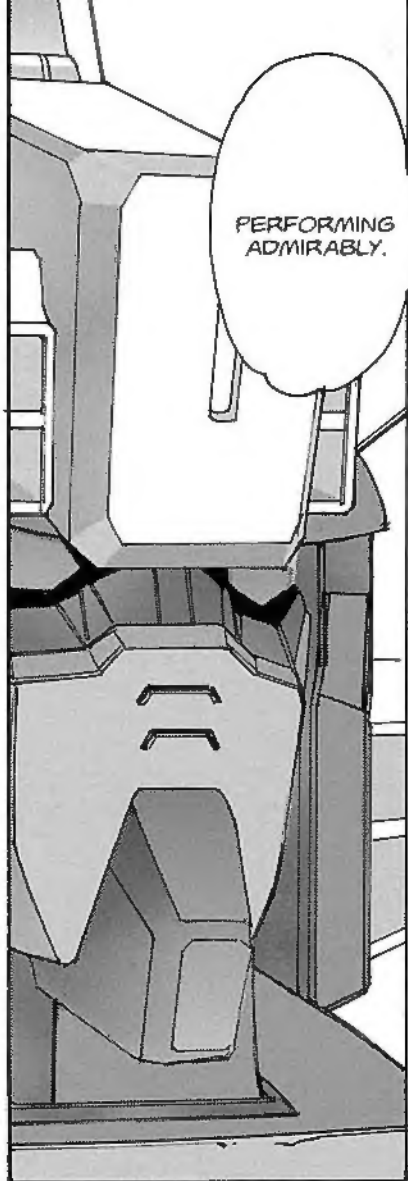


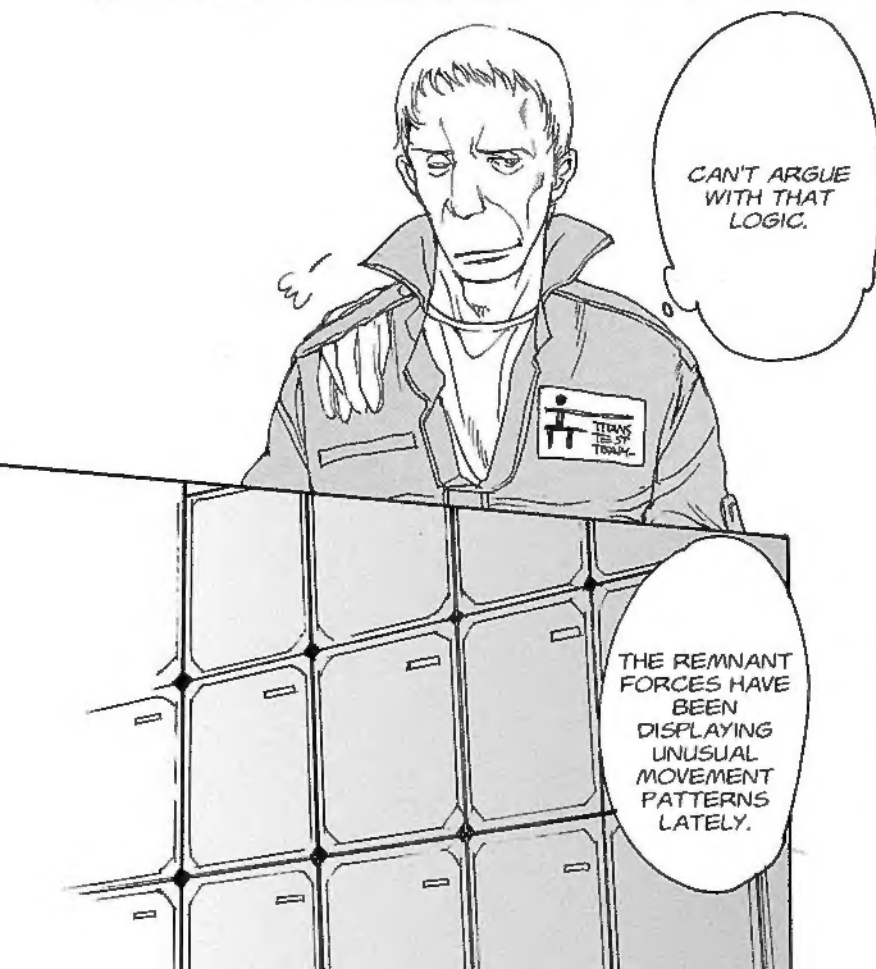
HOW'S THE HAZEL HANDLING?



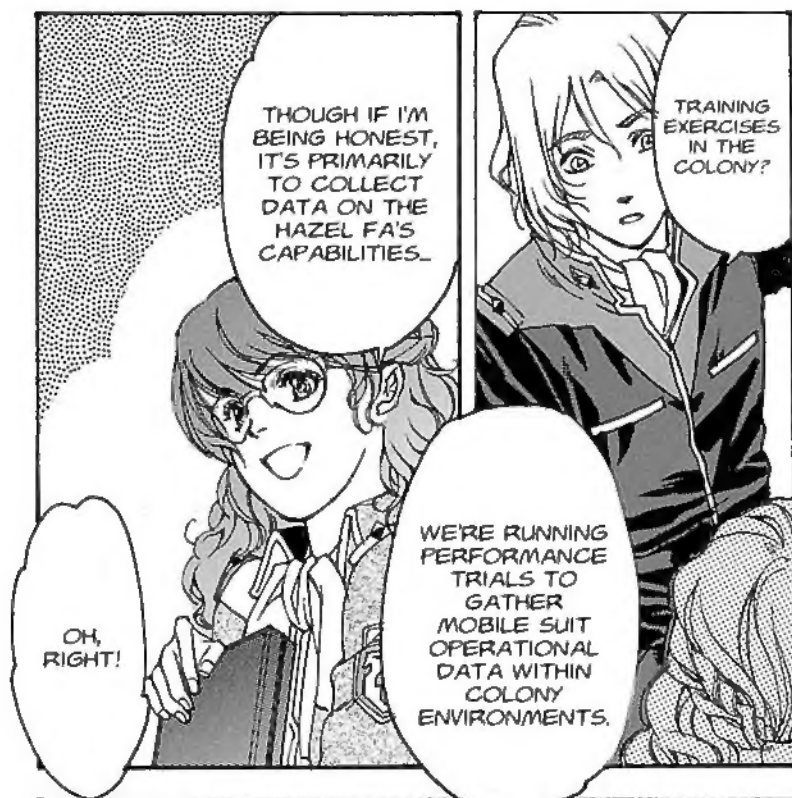
WELL, THEY'RE STILL YOUNG AND ENERGETIC...

THEY'RE QUITE THE ENTERTAINING BUNCH.











WHAT'S THE
POINT OF
LYING ABOUT
THIS?



FOR
REAL?!



THE
FEDER-
ATION'S...

...MAKING
A NEW
ZAKU, AP-
ARENTLY.

TRY NOT
TO BE
SHOCKED



WHAT
IS?



MORE
PRECISELY, IT'S
A FEDERATION
MOBILE SUIT
BASED ON THE
ZAKU.



THIS IS THE
WORST,
ELIARD!

CARL!
BIG
NEWS!

A
Z-ZAKU?!

PETE,
YOU'RE
SERIOUS?!



DON'T
SHOOT THE
MESSENGER.

HAS THE
FEDERATION
LOST ALL
PRIDE?!

WHY ARE
THEY
COPYING
ZEON'S
SIGNATURE
UNIT?!



RUMORS
HAVE BEEN
CIRCULATING
FOR MONTHS.

THE TECH
GUYS
WORKING ON
HAZEL'S
ADDITIONAL
ARMOR
WERE
TALKING
ABOUT IT, SO
IT'S LEGIT.



THEY WERE
USED AS
PRACTICE
UNITS AT THE
ACADEMY.

A HANDFUL
OF TIMES
DURING
OFFICER
TRAINING...

THE
ZAKU II IS
GENUINELY
WELL-
ENGINEERED.

YOU'VE
HANDLED
ONE
BEFORE,
HAVEN'T
YOU?

SEE?



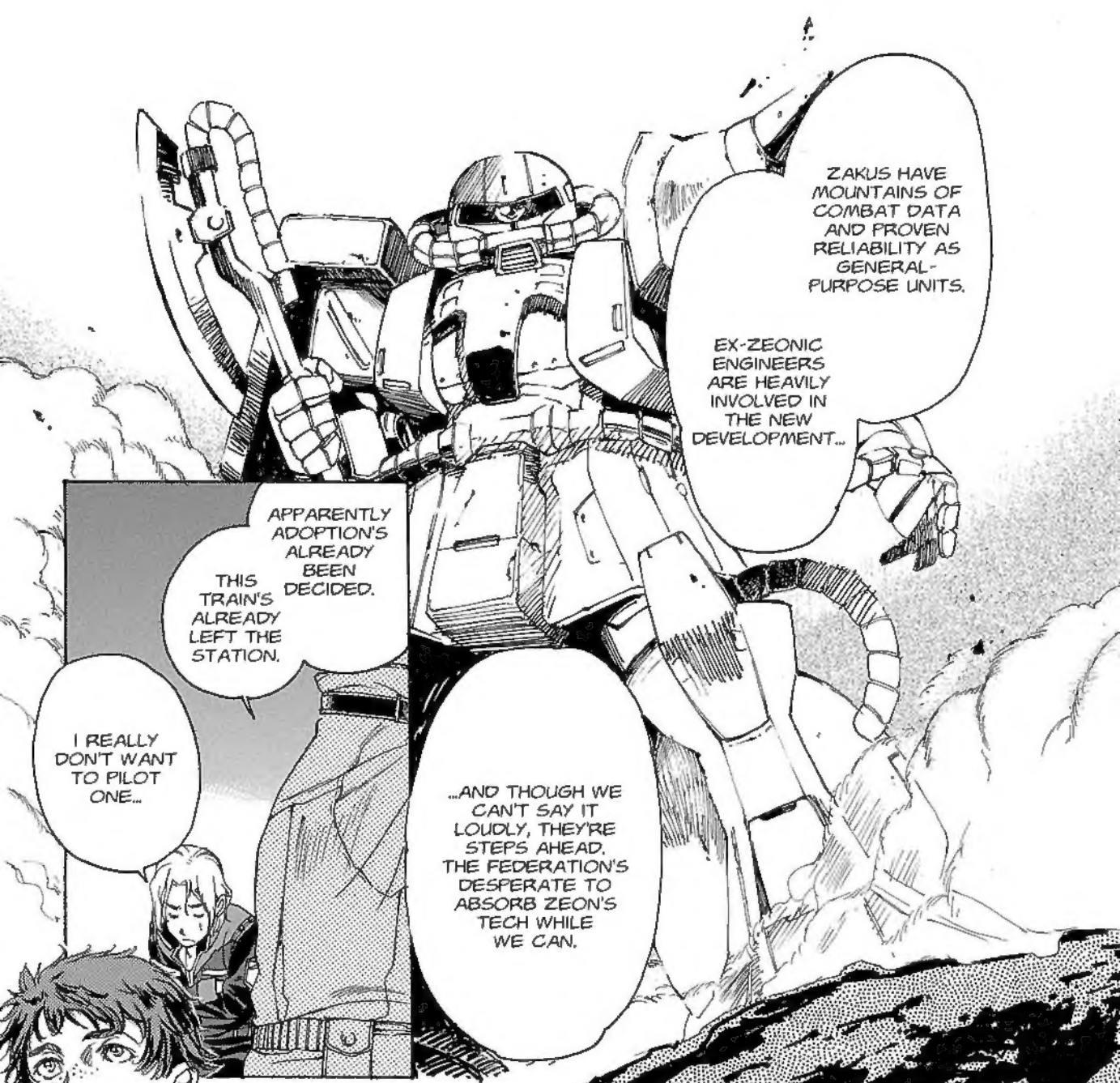
CAN'T BE
HELPED

RIGHT?

IT'S ABOUT
PRINCIPLES!
HOW CAN
THEY EXPECT
US TO PUT
OUR LIVES ON
THE LINE
PILOTING
WHAT'S
ESSENTIALLY
A ZEON
MOBILE SUIT?!

THIS ISN'T
ABOUT
SPECS!

A VERSATILE
PLATFORM HAS
ITS MERITS,
POLITICS ASIDE.



ZAKUS HAVE
MOUNTAINS OF
COMBAT DATA
AND PROVEN
RELIABILITY AS
GENERAL-
PURPOSE UNITS.

EX-ZEONIC
ENGINEERS
ARE HEAVILY
INVOLVED IN
THE NEW
DEVELOPMENT...

APPARENTLY
ADOPTION'S
ALREADY
BEEN
DECIDED.

THIS
TRAIN'S
ALREADY
LEFT THE
STATION.

I REALLY
DON'T WANT
TO PILOT
ONE...

...AND THOUGH WE
CAN'T SAY IT
LOUDLY, THEY'RE
STEPS AHEAD.
THE FEDERATION'S
DESPERATE TO
ABSORB ZEON'S
TECH WHILE
WE CAN.

LET IT GO.

JOIN THE
TITANS, THEY
SAID. PILOT A
ZAKU, THEY
DIDN'T SAY.

I DON'T LIKE
IT EITHER!

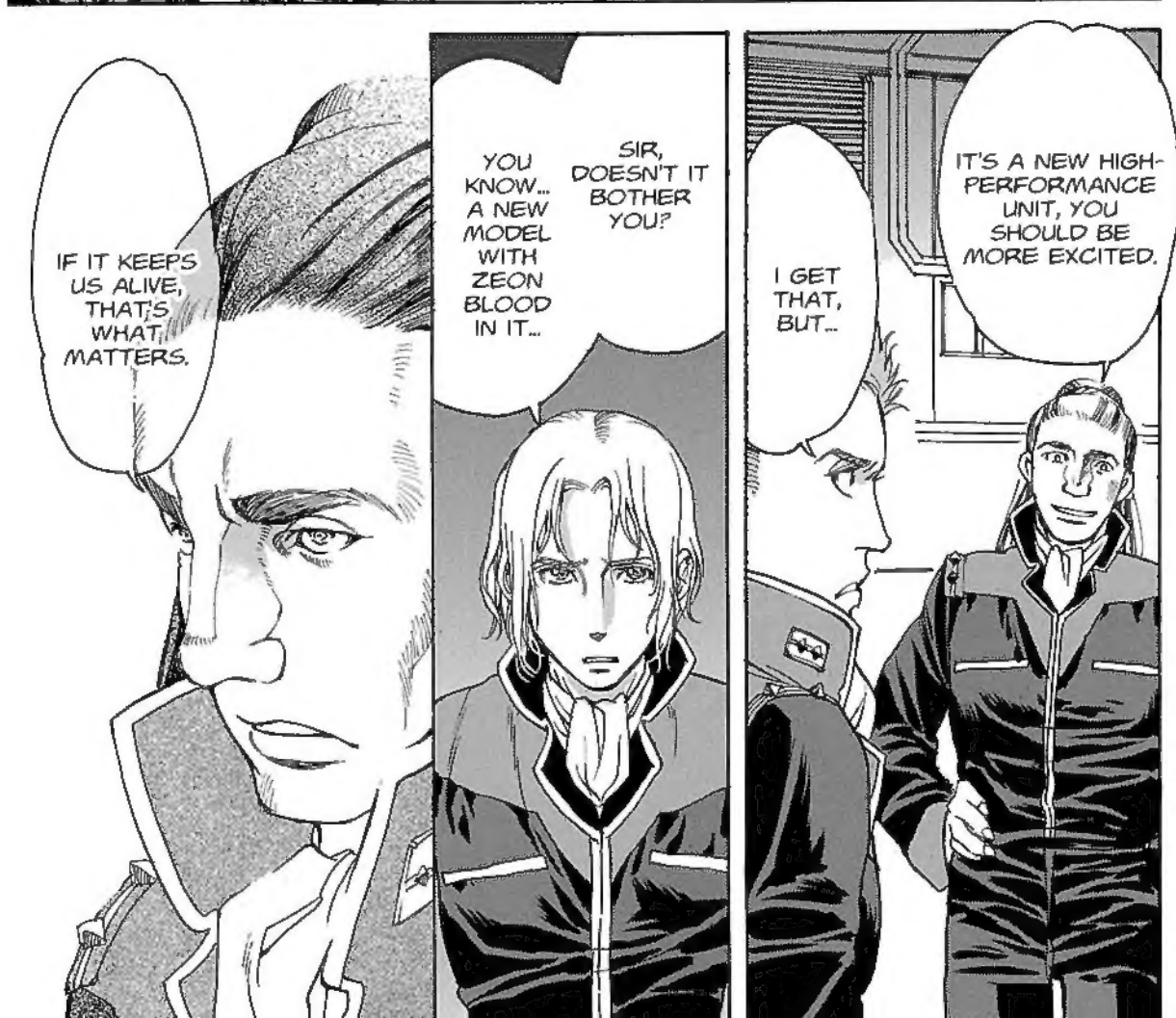
WELL...
PROBABLY
JUST ONE
UNIT EVEN
IF WE DO
GET THEM.

UGH?!

THAT'S
LITERALLY
WHY WE'RE
CALLED AN
EXPERIMENTAL
SQUADRON.

THEY'RE
MAKING
QUITE A
FEW PRE-
PRODUCTION
MODELS...

...SO T3'S
BOUND
TO GET
SOME.



WHEN
YOU'RE
FACING
ENEMY
UNITS...

...WHO CARES
IF IT'S ZEON-
MADE OR
FEDERATION-
MADE?

THERE'S NO
REASON TO DIE
NEEDLESSLY FOR
THE SAKE OF
PRIDE IN A PURE
FEDERATION
MACHINE.

FORMER
ENEMY OR
NOT, IF THEIR
TECH HELPS
DEVELOP
BETTER UNITS,
THAT'S BEST.

IT MEANS
HIGHER
SURVIVAL
RATES FOR
PILOTS.

OUCH!

YOU KIDS ARE
SURPRISINGLY
SET IN YOUR
WAYS.

BESIDES...

LEAVE
POLITICAL
PATRIOTISM
TO THE
UPSTAIRS
BRASS.

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